

**SPEEDOMETER CALIBRATION POLICY**  
**Michigan Speed Measurement Task Force**  
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The Michigan Speed Measurement Task Force recommends that patrol vehicle speedometers be independently calibrated for accuracy at the time of initial purchase prior to initial speed enforcement using one of the following methods.

1. Time Distance
2. Dynamometer
3. Fifth-Wheel
4. Lidar

Thereafter, the speedometer should be re-calibrated only if the patrol vehicle has undergone any of the following: transmission repair, major body repair, tire-size changes or wheel-size changes.

A copy of the initial speedometer calibration and any re-calibration should be kept on file with that agency.

It is recommended that each patrol vehicle have a Speedometer Calibration sticker, affixed inside the patrol vehicle and positioned so that the sticker can be easily seen by the driver, showing tested calibration speeds of 25, 55 and 70 m.p.h. and the date of calibration.

Example:

Speedometer Reading (Actual Speed  
25 (23), 55 (55), 70 (71)

Date of Calibration  
April 16, 1999

NOTE: Radar devices shall not be used to calibrate patrol vehicle speedometers.



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